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SUBJ: NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTARY CONDEMNS "ECONOMIC
APPEASEMENT"

1. SUMMARY: A DECEMBER 26 NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S
COMMENTARY ECHOED STATEMENTS BY PRC LEADERS OVER THE PAST
SIX MONTHS AND STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE WEST FOR
"ECONOMICALLY APPEASING" THE SOVIET UNION. WESTERN ECONOMIC
CREDITS, LOANS, GRAIN SALES, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS
"ONLY AID THE SOVIET WAR MACHINE" AND "DO GREAT DAMAGE
TO WESTERN INTERESTS." END SUMMARY.

2. A DECEMBER 26 COMMENTARY ("APPEASEMENT: A FANTASIA")
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BY AN UNNAMED NCNA CORRESPONDENT STRONGLY CONDEMNED
THE WEST'S GROWING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
SOVIET UNION -- A THEME THAT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY
APPARENT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN VISITORS AND
PRC LEADERS OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS. THE LENGTHY
COMMENTARY, LESS AUTHORITATIVE THAN OTHER FORMS OF
PRC PROPAGANDA STATEMENTS, DETAILS THE WEST'S

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION "WHICH IS ONLY ASSISTING THE SOVIET UNION TO OFFSET ITS WEAK POINTS."

3. SPECIFICALLY, THE COMMENTARY CASTIGATES:

-- "ENORMOUS SUMS OF LONG-TERM LOANS" GRANTED BY THE WEST WHICH ARE "BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS" FOR THE SOVIET ECONOMY;

-- WESTERN GRAIN SALES WHICH "ADDED TO SOVIET GRAIN RESERVES FOR WAR";

--SALES OF WESTERN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH "HAVE FILLED GAPS IN SOVIET INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY."

THE ARTICLE CITED THE UNITED STATES SALE OF THE CYBER 73 COMPUTER SYTEM IN 1976 THAT GAVE THE SOVIET UNION A "TEN-YEAR LEAP FORWARD IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY BADLY NEEDED FOR MILITARY RESEARCH." IT ALSO MENTIONS THAT 65 CONGRESSMEN HAVE WRITTEN PRESIDENT CARTER, URGING HIM TO BAN THE SALE OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED CYBER 76 COMPUTER.

4. THE COMMENTARY WARNS THAT THE WEST IS ACTING AGAINST ITS OWN BEST INTERESTS AND BY IMPLICATION, THE PRC'S OWN INTERESTS. THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDES WITH A GLIMMER OF HOPE: "ANTI-APPEASEMENT FORCES ARE GROWING IN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE AND THE VOICES AGAINST ASSISTING THE SOVIET UNION ECONOMICALLY TO OFFSET ITS WEAK POINTS ARE RISING HIGHER AND HIGHER."

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